GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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Set up of Museum in Kaushambi
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India had carried out excavation in Kaushambi district of Uttar Pradesh from where a lot of ancient relics and idols were reportedly recovered and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to preserve the said ancient relics and idols by constructing a museum in the Kaushambi district;

(c) if so, the response of the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Government has proposed any scheme for the famous Buddha place Kaushambi to bring it on the cultural map of India for promoting tourist activities; and

(e) if so, the status of the implementation of the said scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (c) No, Madam. Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) had not carried out excavation in Kaushambi. However, the site was excavated by the Allahabad University, Allahabad. The excavated artifacts and idols recovered from the excavation are displayed in the Allahabad University Museum and National Museum Allahabad for scientific preservation and research.

(d) & (e) The site has been included in the Buddhist circuit for promotion of tourist activities. The site is maintained and preserved in presentable condition. Basic tourist amenities like approach road, public convenience and drinking water facilities have been provided at the site.